

Calendar of Events 2009

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January

Monthly Observances

Birth Defects Prevention Month

Did you know that a woman can reduce the chance of birth defects by not cleaning a cat's litter box while pregnant? Each year, about 120,000 or 1 in 33 babies are born with birth defects. The most common birth defects are cleft palate and down syndrome. These can be prevented or reduce the chances of birth defects by women having preconception visits to ensure that there is no diabetes or high blood pressure, taking multi-vitamins with folic acid, and abstaining from drugs, alcohol, or smoking. For more information on birth defect prevention, please visit

http://www.marchofdimes.com/pnhec/4439_1206.asp.

Other Important Dates

Wednesday, January 7: The New Rules for Family Child Care and Large Family Homes

DSCYF will be facilitating a training session from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. at the Administration Building on Faulkland Road. Caregivers are encouraged to come and receive training on the new rules for child care in licensed facilities for Delacare regulations as they apply to training, education, staffing, and other new guidelines. You must register in advance for this training. To register, please call 302-892-5800. For more information, please visit

http://kids.delaware.gov/occl/occl_newrules_fcc_lfcc.shtml.

This session is full.

Saturday, January 10: The New Rules for Family Child Care and Large Family Homes

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Sunday, January 11: La-tea-Doll Tea Party

Young ladies who are five years old or older are invited to Winterthur Museum from 12 until 2 p.m. for a Victorian tea party at the Rockwood historic Mansion and Garden. Bring your favorite doll or stuffed animal and dress up to enjoy a delightful afternoon of tea, miniature sandwiches, scrumptious sweets, and a lesson in proper Victoria etiquette. Girls will also be able to make a craft for themselves and their dolls. Tickets are \$20 and you must purchase them in advance. For more information or to purchase your tickets, please call 302-761-4340 or visit www.rockwood.org.

Monday, January 12: Pirates on the Delaware!

Kent County Public Library will be hosting a special program about Delaware's pirates. The Delaware Historical Society will lead the treasure hunt in this interactive story at 6 p.m. Kids will also make their own pirate treasure maps to follow. You must register in advance for this event. For more information or to register for this event, please call 302-698-6440 or visit www.co.kent.de.us and select Kent County Library from the Community Services Menu.

Wednesday, January 14: The New Rules for Family Child Care and Large Family Homes

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Monday, January 19: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was a civil rights activist during the movement in the 1960s. The pastor of a Baptist church in Alabama, King believed in achieving racial equality using non-violent tactics. He traveled over six million miles for more than 25 hundred speaking engagements. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize at the age of 35, making him the youngest person to ever receive the award. He was also *TIME* magazine's man of the year in 1963. His infamous "I Have a Dream" speech was delivered on the Washington Mall on August 28, 1963. Tragically, his life was taken suddenly on April 4, 1968

when he was assassinated on the balcony of his motel room in Memphis, Tennessee.

Wednesday, January 21: The New Rules for Family Child Care and Large Family Homes

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Saturday, January 24: The New Rules for Family Child Care and Large Family Homes

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Tuesday, January 27: Read to the Dogs!

The Literacy Education Assistance Pups (L.E.A.P.) will be at the Harrington Public Library at 6:30 p.m. as reading companions for children in grades 1 through 6. There will be a demonstration of the training the dogs received, a chance for your child to practice their reading, and of course enough time to pet your favorite pup! For more information, please call 302-398-4647.

Saturday, January 31: The New Rules for Family Child Care and Large Family Homes

DSCYF will be facilitating a training session from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. at the Girl Scouts Administration Building on South College Avenue in Newark. Caregivers are encouraged to come and receive training on the new rules for child care in licensed facilities for Delacare regulations as they apply to training, education, staffing, and other new guidelines. You must register in advance for this training. To register, please call 302-892-5800. For more information, please visit

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February

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Black History Month

From Harriet Tubman and Martin Luther King, Jr. to President Barack Obama and Beyoncé, there are several people of African American heritage who have made a great impact on history. As of 2007, there are 8.5 million black families in the U.S. During the month of February, remember to celebrate the diversity in our state and learn about the heritage of the 172,961 African Americans who live in Delaware.

Other Important Dates

February 2 – 6: National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week

National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week serves as a time during which schools, law enforcement, public officials and others conduct programs and activities for youth that promote awareness and prevention tips regarding teen dating violence. Programs and activities also offer suggestions on how to develop and maintain healthy teen relationships. The American Bar Association, ABA, the campaign's sponsor developed an online toolkit that includes: teen dating facts; warning signs of teen dating violence; and prevention recommendations; a 30-minute DVD featuring teens candidly discussing their experience with dating violence, getting help, and ending the relationship; a teacher's guide; and the Teen Dating Violence Prevention Initiative poster. Toolkit elements can be used in curricular and extracurricular programs. For more information and to see the toolkit, visit www.abanet.org/publiced/teendating.shtml.

Wednesday, February 4: Southern Delaware Teen Book Review Panel

Middle and high school students are invited to join Peggy Dillner from the University of Delaware to read and critique at least one new Young Adult book a month. The meeting will be at 3:30 p.m. at Kent County Public Library. For more information, please call 302-698-6440 or visit www.co.kent.de.us and select Kent County Library from the Community Services Menu.

Saturday, February 7: Black History Trivia Bowl Part I

Have you brushed up on your black history trivia recently? If you think you are a black history whiz, join the African American Museum in Philadelphia from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. for an interactive trivia bowl. Prizes will be given out during the event and two grand prizes will be awarded to the winners. For more information, please call 215-574-0380 or visit <http://aampmuseum.org>.

Saturday, January 14: The New Rules for Family Child Care and Large Family Homes

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Saturday, February 14: Valentine's Day Pajama Prowl

Did you know that animals love to give each other gifts? Come to the Philadelphia Zoo and explore animal sweethearts and meet the zoo's animal couples. Kids can even make crafts for their animal valentines! This event begins at 6:30 and ends at 8:30 p.m. and is great for kids between the ages of 4 and 8 years old and their parents. Advanced registration is required and space is limited. Admission is \$20 per member and \$25 per non-member. For more information or to register, please visit www.philadelphiazoo.org or call 215-234-5254.

Wednesday, February 18: The New Rules for Family Child Care and Large Family Homes

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Tuesday, February 24: The New Rules for Family Child Care and Large Family Homes

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Delacare regulations as they apply to training, education, staffing, and other new guidelines. You must register in advance for this training. To register, please call 302-892-5800. For more information, please visit http://kids.delaware.gov/occl/occl_newrules_fcc_lfcc.shtml.

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Thursday, February 26: The New Rules for Family Child Care and Large Family Homes

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Saturday, February 28: The New Rules for Family Child Care and Large Family Homes

DSCYF will be facilitating a training session from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. at the Woodlawn Library in Wilmington. Caregivers are encouraged to come and receive training on the new rules for child care in licensed facilities for Delacare regulations as they apply to training, education, staffing, and other new guidelines. You must register in advance for this training. To register, please call 302-892-5800. For more information, please visit http://kids.delaware.gov/occl/occl_newrules_fcc_lfcc.shtml.

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Talk with Your Teen About Sex Month

It's important that your child is equipped with the knowledge to make responsible decisions about sex in the future. Equally important, is sharing with your teen your values regarding sex and sexual relationships. For more information on how to start these conversations, visit www.talkingwithkids.org

Youth Art Month

Youth Art Month was established in 1961 to emphasize the value of art education. ACMI, a non-profit organization of arts and crafts material manufacturers, partnered with NAEA to create National Youth Art Month. In the 1980's, the Council for Art Education (CFAE) was founded to carry on the tradition of Youth Art Month and help increase the financial assistance from private corporations and other associations to carry out national as well as local activities. Each year, flags designed by students across the nation are flown to Washington D.C., and, funding permitting, displayed in an opening ceremony where legislators, family, teachers, and other students are in attendance. For more information about Youth Art Month, visit http://www.acminet.org/youth_art_month.htm.

Other Important Dates

Thursday, March 5, through Sunday, April 19: There's Something Under My Bed

Join the Please Touch Museum in Philadelphia as they watch 3 year old Sam devise a plan to lure the "monster" out from underneath his bed. Is it really the dust bunny his parents think it is or is it really a monster that is keeping him awake at night? For more information, please call 215-581-3181 or visit www.pleasetouchmuseum.org.

Tuesday, March 10: Family Movie Night

Did you know that, on average, it costs a family of four at least \$34 to go to the movies together? Why spend that money at the theater when you can join the Kent County Public Library for their family movie night for FREE! For more information or to register your family, please call 302-698-6440.

Wednesday, March 11: Preschool Art Classes

Help Kent County Public Library celebrate Youth Art Month by registering your child for hands-on art classes. Classes are at 10 a.m. and are led by Katja Reed Lackey, a professional artist. Your child's artwork will be proudly displayed in an art show at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25. Space is extremely limited so reserve your child's seat in the class today! For more information or to register, please call 302-698-6440 or visit www.co.kent.de.us and select Kent County Library from the Community Services Menu.

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March 23 – 27: National Youth Violence Prevention Week

The National Youth Violence Prevention Week is part of a national campaign that is dedicated to the elimination of youth violence. Each day of the week focuses on different violence prevention strategies such as promoting respect and tolerance, anger management, resolving conflicts peacefully, supporting safety and uniting in action. There is an online action kit featured on the campaign's website that includes information on how to organize events, engage the community, educate, and spread the word on youth violence prevention. For more information and to view the action kit, visit www.violenceprevention.org.

Thursday, March 26: The New Rules for Family Child Care and Large Family Homes

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April

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Child Abuse Prevention Month

First proclaimed in 1983, Child Abuse Prevention Month promotes activities across the country that focus on child abuse and neglect. The Blue Ribbon Campaign serves as a tribute to children who have died as a result of child abuse during this month as well. The child abuse prevention resources focuses on keeping children safe, providing support for families to stay together, and raising children and youth to be secure, stable, and happy adults. More information and resources are available online at www.pcadelaware.org.

Other Important Dates

Thursday, April 2: The New Rules for Family Child Care and Large Family Homes

DSCYF will be facilitating a training session from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. in the 2nd floor conference room of the Barratt Building in Dover. Caregivers are encouraged to come and receive training on the new rules for child care in licensed facilities for Delacare regulations as they apply to training, education, staffing, and other new guidelines. You must register in advance for this training. To register, please call 302-892-5800. For more information, please visit http://kids.delaware.gov/occl/occl_newrules_fcc_lfcc.shtml.

Monday, April 6, through Sunday, April 19: Earth Appreciation Days

Help the Academy of Natural Sciences celebrate Earth Day and learn how to keep our planet healthy! Naturalists, live animals, demonstrations, and Earth-friendly crafts will help teach you and your child about energy conservation, clean water, climate change, recycling, species diversity, and clean air. For more information, please call 215-299-1000 or visit www.ansp.org.

Thursday, April 16: Pre-school Story Time!

Bring your preschooler to Kent County Public Library at 10 a.m. for a program that will put a smile on your child's face! Granny Fanny will join the fun with her dulcimer, stories, crafts, and special treats! For more information or to register your party of six or more, please call 302-698-6440 or visit www.co.kent.de.us and select Kent County Library from the Community Services Menu.

Tuesday, April 21: DSCYF Night at the Wilmington Blue Rocks

Let's play ball at the Wilmington Blue Rocks! The Children's Department is sponsoring the Blue Rocks game for the *Pinwheels for Prevention* campaign against child abuse in the state of Delaware. The first 1,000 fans under the age of 14 will receive a FREE baseball cap. All proceeds from the concession stands during the game will benefit Prevent Child Abuse Delaware. First pitch is at 6:35 p.m. For more information, please call the Office of Prevention and Early Intervention Resource Center at 302-892-5827.

Saturday, April 25: The New Rules for Family Child Care and Large Family Homes

DSCYF will be facilitating a training session from 9:30 until 11:30 a.m. at the Delaware State Police Troop #5 in Bridgeville. Caregivers are encouraged to come and receive training on the new rules for child care in licensed facilities for Delaware regulations as they apply to training, education, staffing, and other new guidelines. You must register in advance for this training. To register, please call 302-892-5800. For more information, please visit http://kids.delaware.gov/occl/occl_newrules_fcc_lfcc.shtml.

Monday, April 27, 2009: Ben Franklin is Coming

Dr. Rich Davis will be at the Milton Public Library at 7 p.m. for a special program based on the life and achievements of Benjamin Franklin. This program will help your child improve their reading habits and develop a love of reading that will last a lifetime. For more information, please call 302-684-8856 or visit www.milton.lib.de.us.

Wednesday, April 29: The New Rules for Family Child Care and Large Family Homes

DSCYF will be facilitating a training session from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. at the Administration Building on Faulkland Road. Caregivers are encouraged to come and receive training on the new rules for child care in licensed facilities for Delaware regulations as they apply to training, education, staffing, and other new guidelines. You must register in advance for this training. To register, please call 302-892-5800. For more information, please visit http://kids.delaware.gov/occl/occl_newrules_fcc_lfcc.shtml.

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May

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National Foster Care Month

First declared in 1988, National Foster Care Month provides an opportunity for people all across the nation to focus attention on the year-round needs of American children and youth in foster care. The campaign raises awareness about foster care and encourages many more citizens to get involved in the lives of these youth. For more information about the campaign or how you can help foster children, visit www.fostercaremonth.org.

National Mental Health Month

There is a social stigma associated with mental illness and this stigma prevents the majority of people with mental illnesses from seeking help. Mental Health Month is designed to increase awareness and reduce stigma about mental illness. For more information, visit www.nimh.nih.gov.

National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month

National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month was designed in order to educate communities on the effects of unintended pregnancy and early childbearing. Advocates for Youth promote this campaign in hopes of helping adolescents develop responsible behaviors and attitudes about sex. For More information on National Teen Pregnancy Month and its sponsors, visit the Advocates for Youth website at <http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/teenpregnancy.htm>.

Other Important Dates

Thursday, May 5: Read-to-Me!

Bring your new reader Kent County Public Library from 6 until 7 p.m. for reading sessions that will build their self-confidence and communication skills. Children may sign up for one session a week to read to a licensed therapy dog. For more information, please call 302-698-6440 or visit www.co.kent.de.us and select Kent County Library from the Community Services Menu.

Wednesday, May 6: Story Time

The Harrington Public Library invites you and your preschooler to join them for Story Time. The story begins at 10:45 and children can make a related craft after "The End!" For more information, please call 302-398-4647.

Saturday, May 9, through Sunday, May 10: Animal Moms Weekend

The Academy of Natural Sciences invites you to come visit the nurturing residents of the Live Animal Center, home to around 100 animals that could not survive in the wild. Live animal shows will take place at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Children can also make a special Mothers Day card to take home! For more information, please call 215-299-1000 or visit www.ansp.org.

Sunday, May 10: Mother's Day

In 1905, Anna Marie Jarvis began a campaign to declare a national day dedicated to mothers. It was first celebrated on May 9, 1907 as a memorial to her mother who died on that day two years earlier. The first celebration was held in West Virginia and in 1914 President Woodrow Wilson declared that the second Sunday of every May would be Mother's Day.

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June

Monthly Observances

National Safety Month

Every June, the National Safety Council launches a month-long campaign to help promote safe practices for children and adults of all ages. Remember as you begin your summer vacation to think of safety first!

Other Important Dates

Wednesday, June 3: Story Time

The Harrington Public Library invites you and your preschooler to join them for Story Time. The story begins at 10:45 and children can make a related craft after "The End!" For more information, please call 302-398-4647.

Thursday, June 4: Pre-school Story Time!

Bring your preschooler to Kent County Public Library at 10 a.m. for a program that will put a smile on your child's face! Granny Fanny will join the fun with her dulcimer, stories, crafts, and special treats! For more information or to register your party of six or more, please call 302-698-6440 or visit

www.co.kent.de.us and select Kent County Library from the Community Services Menu.

Saturday, June 20, through Sunday, June 21: Catfish Weekend

Take your Dad on a “fishing trip” at the Academy of Natural Sciences. Together you can discover new aspects of one of the most successful aquatic species, the catfish. There will be interactive presentations with live animals or research specimens, as well as a catfish craft to take home! For more information, please call 215-299-1000 or visit www.ansp.org.

Sunday, June 21: Father’s Day

Father’s Day was first celebrated in 1908 in West Virginia. Grace Golden Clayton recommended it as a sermon to her pastor at a United Methodist Church after an explosion the previous December that killed 361 men. Sonora Smart Dodd was also inspired by Mother’s Day to celebrate her father, who had raised her after her mother’s death. It was declared a national holiday by President Richard Nixon in 1972.

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July

Monthly Observances

Make a Difference to Children Month

During the month of July, the Hugs and Hope Foundation promotes a campaign to attempt to brighten the lives of children who are terminally ill, injured, or handicapped. Get involved and help bring a smile to the face of a sick child from your community! For more information, please visit www.hugsandhope.org.

Other Important Dates

Saturday, July 4: Independence Day

The Declaration of Independence was signed on July 4, 1776, declaring the 13 original colonies a separate entity from Great Britain. 233 years later, we continue to celebrate our nation’s birthday with fireworks, symbols of liberty, and red, white, and blue.

Friday, July 10, through Sunday, July 12: Me & My Gal Weekend!

Bring moms, grandmothers, adult sisters, aunts, or any other special female relatives to Grove Point for a weekend of fun designed by you! You choose the activities you and the special women in your life will do all weekend long. Girls who are kindergarten age and older are invited to join the Girl Scouts as they celebrate a weekend of togetherness. The fun all starts Friday, July 10 at 7 p.m. and doesn't end until 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 12. Girl Scouts attend for \$40 and non-Girl Scouts can attend for \$45. Adults must register and attend in order for their girls to participate. Four meals and two snacks are provided. All girls must have a registered adult with them. For more information, please visit <http://www.cbgsc.org/Default.asp>.

Friday, July 17, through Sunday, July 19: Me and My Guy Weekend!

Dads, adult brothers, uncles, grandfathers, and those special men in your life are invited to join you at Grove Point for a weekend of summer camp fun. Show you guy how well you can shoot an arrow, kayak, do a low ropes course, and how far you can spit watermelon seeds. It will be a weekend of fun and relaxation and it all begins Friday, July 17 at 7 p.m. and ends Sunday, July 19 at 10 a.m. It is a perfect weekend for girls kindergarten age and older to show their men how much fun camp at Grove Point really is! Girl Scouts attend for \$40 and non-Girl Scouts can attend for \$45. Four meals and two snacks are provided. For more information, please visit <http://www.cbgsc.org/Default.asp>.

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There are no observances this month.

Other Important Dates

Tuesday, August 4: Read-to-Me!

Bring your new reader Kent County Public Library from 6 until 7 p.m. for reading sessions that will build their self-confidence and communication skills. Children may sign up for one session a week to read to a licensed therapy dog. For more information, please call 302-698-6440 or visit www.co.kent.de.us and select Kent County Library from the Community Services Menu.

Wednesday, August 5: Story Time

The Harrington Public Library invites you and your preschooler to join them for Story Time. The story begins at 10:45 and children can make a related craft after "The End!" For more information, please call 302-398-4647.

Thursday, August 6: Pre-school Story Time!

Bring your preschooler to Kent County Public Library at 10 a.m. for a program that will put a smile on your child's face! Granny Fanny will join the fun with her dulcimer, stories, crafts, and special treats! For more information or to register your party of six or more, please call 302-698-6440 or visit www.co.kent.de.us and select Kent County Library from the Community Services Menu.

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National Drug and Alcohol Recovery Month

Recovery Month is sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA's) Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT). CSAT provides national leadership in the Federal government's effort to improve the lives of individuals and their families affected by alcohol and drug abuse. This month focuses on the benefits of substance abuse and its positive effects on the community. For more information, please visit <http://www.recoverymonth.gov/2009/default.aspx>.

Other Important Dates

Wednesday, September 9: Story Time

The Harrington Public Library invites you and your preschooler to join them for Story Time. The story begins at 10:45 and children can make a related craft after "The End!" For more information, please call 302-398-4647.

Thursday, September 10: Read-to-Me!

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October 5 – 11: National Bullying Prevention Awareness Week

National Bullying Prevention Awareness Week is a chance for families, students, schools, organizations and communities to take part in special activities designed to help prevent bullying in schools and communities nationwide. The website, www.PACERkidsagainstbullying.org will feature activities for students and families, as well as Webinars and a new site specifically for kids and teens. For more information, go to www.pacer.org.

Wednesday, October 14: Story Time

The Harrington Public Library invites you and your preschooler to join them for Story Time. The story begins at 10:45 and children can make a related craft after "The End!" For more information, please call 302-398-4647.

Thursday, October 15: Read-to-Me!

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National Adoption Awareness Month

Across the nation, people take part in activities and events that promote the awareness of adoption, promote local services, address false myths about adoption, promote positive perceptions and bring attention to the thousands of children who are currently waiting to be adopted. Visit www.AdoptUsKids.org for more information on adoption or visit our online [Heart Gallery](#) for Delaware children who are currently available for adoption.

Other Important Dates

Wednesday, November 25: Story Time

The Harrington Public Library invites you and your preschooler to join them for Story Time. The story begins at 10:45 and children can make a related craft after “The End!” For more information, please call 302-398-4647.

Wednesday, November 25: Read-to-Me!

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Thursday, November 26: Thanksgiving

The first Thanksgiving in 1621 was celebrated between English pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indians in thanks for the bountiful crops and for the cooperation between the two cultures. We continue this celebration today by remembering what we are thankful for in our lives. Don't forget to celebrate your family and friends on this special day of thanks!

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December

Monthly Observances

There are no observances this month.

Other Important Dates

Tuesday, December 1: Read-to-Me!

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Wednesday, December 2: Story Time

The Harrington Public Library invites you and your preschooler to join them for Story Time. The story begins at 10:45 and children can make a related craft after "The End!" For more information, please call 302-398-4647.

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